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Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related forms of intolerance, follow-up to and implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

United States of America: draft resolution

13/... Ad Hoc Committee on the elaboration of complementary standards

The Human Rights Council,

Noting with deep concern continued evidence of intolerance and discrimination against individuals on the basis of race, religion and belief, including Government-endorsed discrimination, violence, exclusion and bias,

Recognizing the importance of demonstrating to members of racial and religious minority populations affected by discrimination and acts of intolerance a shared commitment to addressing this problem through concrete and immediate actions,

Calling upon all States to consider, as a matter of priority, ratifying the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,

Calling also upon all States to commit to strengthening and enhancing their efforts to address discrimination and hate crimes,

1. *Welcomes* the role the Ad Hoc Committee on the elaboration of complementary standards has played in helping to identify specific proposals for concrete steps to combat racial and religious discrimination, intolerance and hatred;

2. *Decides* to request the Ad Hoc Committee, as an immediate positive step forward and without prejudice to its mandate, to focus on determining which of those proposals enjoy the consensus necessary for their successful implementation, with a view to their adoption by the Council at its sixteenth session.
